

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**January 25, 2007**

**Revised February 26, 2007**

**Project: Former Camp Butner Restoration Advisory Board**

**Date: January 25, 2007, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Place: Butner Town Operations Building**

**Butner, North Carolina**

Attendees: Major Rob Hilliard, USACE Wilmington (Co-Chair, Government Representative); Richard Veazey, Granville County Resident (Co-Chair); Art Shacter, NC Division of Environment and Natural Resources (State Representative); Barry Baker, Granville County Senior Planner; Marti Morgan, NCDENR Engineer; Scott Strickland, Butner Public Safety; Doug Logan, Granville County Emergency Management; Linda Starks, EPA; Susan Bass, Granville County Resident; (John Baden, Bob Keistler, and Raymond Livermore, USACE Wilmington; Robert Nore, USA Environmental.)

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**Topic: RAB Meeting 9**

### **INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

At 6:30 p.m. Co-Chairman Richard Veazey called the meeting to order.

Doug Logan motioned to approve the revised minutes of October 26, 2006, seconded by Barry Baker and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Veazey briefly went over the Agenda and noted that in addition he would be reviewing the mission statement and purpose for a RAB committee (review for the new members on the committee) noting their particular function.

It was noted that Major Rob Hilliard with USACE Wilmington would be sitting in for Sam Colella. Mr. Colella is expected to return in approximately 6 to 9 months.

### **AREA 4A UPDATE**

At this point, Mr. Robert (Bob) Nore with USA Environmental spoke to the RAB regarding update information. He stated that since the last meeting they have almost completed area 4A. He further noted that one (1) grid was failed by the Quality Assurance and they will have to re-clear this grid. They will begin work in this area next week and then move on to other grids.

### **Work Completed**

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Site Visit           | August 05, 2005   |
| • Work Plan            | December 15, 2005 |
| • Area 1A completed    | February 17, 2006 |
| • Lakeview Sub. Compl. | October 11, 2006  |
| • Area 4A Completed    | January 30, 2007  |

Mr. Nore related that their workers had almost completed Area 4A before they went on break for the Holidays. He stated that when they return back to work they would be re-clearing one (1) grid (Quality Assurance).

### **Definitions**

- MEC – Munitions and Explosives of Concern
  - UXO – Unexploded Ordnance
  - DMM – Discarded military munitions
  - MC - Munitions Constituents
- MD - Munitions Debris

### **Removal Procedures**

- Measure 2 acre envelope around residences
- Lay out grids and lanes
- Clear vegetation and surface clutter
- Mag/dig
- Dispose of MEC/MD

Mr. Nore related that the procedures that they will be following in the future work are based on a 2-acre envelope around a residential structure. He stated that for the past 2 days Ray Livermore and Mr. Nore have been going to the residences that they plan to clear next week. Once they define the areas: they lay out the grids and lanes, clear vegetation and surface clutter. They then proceed to run metal detectors over the lanes and then they dig what they find and then proceed to blow up the item. Area consists of 51 grids (60 meters by 60 meters) and they found roughly 60 items which were considered MEC and required destroying with explosives. Fifty-Six (56) of those items were considered UXO, and consisted of anti-tank rockets, rocket motors, rifle grenades and grenade warheads. Four (4) items were considered DMM and

consisted of rifle grenades that had not been fired. A total of 400 pounds of munitions debris was removed from the site.

#### **Clearance Results – Area 4A**

##### UXO Items

- 2.36” anti-tank rockets (21)
- 2.36” rocket motors (25)
- M9 rifle grenades (6)
- M9 rifle grenade warheads (4)

##### DMM Items

- M9 rifle grenades (4)

MD - Approximately 400 #

#### **Status Map of Area 4A**

At this point, Mr. Nore displayed a Status Map of Area 4A. He noted that this area is on Tunstall Road off of East Range Road. Mr. Nore displayed pictures of rockets and rifle grenades found in the area and pointed out one (1) grid that remains to be cleared.

At this point, Mr. Veazey related that he was contacted by a resident about an explosion that went off approximately three (3) weeks ago (on a Friday night around 7:00 p.m.). Mr. Nore stated that it was not a result of USA Environmental’s work because they have not been in the area since before Thanksgiving of 2006. Mr. Logan responded by stating that his office received numerous calls about this explosion. He explained that he was notified that it was an ordnance discovery that was found in the town limits of Butner and that the Butner Public Safety handled the situation.

At this time, Mr. Nore stated that for the past couple of days Ray Livermore and himself have been measuring around dwellings in Areas 4C and 4D where they will be clearing next. He stated that they are waiting on the Explosive Safety Submission (ESS) approval for Areas 4B and 4E before they can begin work in those areas. He stated that next Wednesday they will begin work in Area 4D.

#### **Next Phase**

- Area 4C – 9 dwellings
- Area 4D – 12 dwellings
- Area 4B – 10 acres + 3 dwellings
- Area 4E - 3 dwellings

#### **Status Map of Area 4C**

Mr. Nore related that there are 9 dwellings to address in Area 4C (4 inside the boundary and 5 outside the boundary). He then related that there is a “power transmission line” close to

the Blalock and Glosson property which prevents clearance of these properties because of liability reasons.

#### **Status Map of Area 4D**

Mr. Nore stated that there are 12 dwellings to address in Area 4D (8 inside the boundary and 4 outside the boundary). This area is in Granville and Person/Durham Counties.

#### **Area 4B**

Mr. Nore related that Area 4B is north of Area 4A along East Range Road. He stated that there are 3 houses to clear near the boundary of Area 4B. Work at this area will require approval of an ESS.

#### **Status Map of Area 4E**

Mr. Nore stated that in Area 4E that there are 3 dwellings outside the boundary and none inside.

Mr. Veazey asked if there was a report on the work that has been completed. Mr. Nore stated that there would not be a report until the final work is completed. They issue a monthly status report to the Corps. Once everything is completed they will put together a final report (for the Administrative Record).

Susan Bass asked who decides what area is to be cleared, to which the RAB and Mr. Keistler briefly enlightened her on the process.

Mr. Baker stated that he would like to see some areas looked at again. Example, in Area 4 there is a development of Phase 4 and also a development (subdivision) on Range Road. After a brief discussion, the RAB stated that they would further discuss this at the next meeting. Mr. Veazey asked that board members note areas to be considered and they could use a ranking system of areas in question. This would go on the Agenda as "New Areas for Consideration".

#### **UXO INFORMATION SIGN UPDATE**

Ray Livermore related that they sent out a contract proposal last summer to install 35 signs but received no response. He stated that he had contacted Sandy Woody, Street Coordinator for Granville County who provided him with some contacts and has confirmed with one contact the ability to install the signs. He stated that DOT had originally agreed to install the signs but they had backed out. Mr. Livermore further noted that for the new fiscal year the budget has not been passed which delayed proceeding with awarding the contract for the signs. The Wilmington District has received sufficient funds from Headquarters that will allow them to move forward with the contract.

## **RICHARD VEAZEY, CO-CHAIRMAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Veazey briefly reviewed the “Mission Statement” of the RAB and other pertinent information as follows:

### **Mission Statement**

To establish and facilitate a forum with all stakeholders for the input and exchange of information in an open and interactive dialogue concerning the installation’s restoration program.

### **Purpose**

Facilitate Communication among members in relation to actions taken by the USACE under its local environmental restoration program.

Provide Opportunities for members to comment on actions and proposed actions taken by the USACE.

Promote regulatory and public participation in accordance with applicable laws and provide meaningful input.

Since RAB is not a decision-making body, it does provide recommendations on cleanup priorities and remediation options in relation to regional public concerns.

### **Ground Rules for Meeting**

One person speaks at a time  
Stick to the topic.  
Make statement, invite comment  
No cheap shots  
Maintain “safe zone”  
Respect and value others’ opinions  
Cell phones off  
Honesty, openness, and consideration  
Step up-step back (?)

### **Progress in 2006**

Ordnance Removal – (Started Jan. 26, 2006 Meeting Minutes)

-Area 1A (Flamethrower Range –about 20 acres)

Work began 01-17-06.

Clearance work completed in one month.

Report drafted 03-28-06.

-Area 4C (Lakeview Subdivision – about 26 acres)

Contract for Areas 4C, 4A and 4D awarded to USA Environmental.  
3 Right of Entries of 11 required denied.  
4A Work scheduled also for late summer and fall.  
Lakeview work completed 10-11-06.

- Area 4A (34 acres)
  - 2 Rights of Entries Denied.
  - Work started on 09-20-06.
  - At October 26 Meeting about ½ work completed.
  - Work completed around Thanksgiving.

As stated a report for the removal action will not be submitted until all clearance is completed.

- Areas 4C and 4D scheduled for 2007 at 10-26-06 meeting.

### UXO Signs

- NCDOT approved UXO sign design.
- Signs authorized to be installed near areas of interest in former Camp Butner training areas.
- Funding for installation of signs to be provided by USACE.
- Installation contractors solicited.

### UXO Educational Awareness Program

- Durham and Person County School systems contacted about our services and provided with DVD and tapes to review.
  - Will implement information program through PTA in 2007.
- Granville County Schools
  - Coloring books and videos distributed.
  - Planning to implement program in 2007. Some classes have been shown the information. Some flyers sent home to parents.

### **Community Involvement**

Mr. Shacter explained that Linda placed an article in the Butner-Creedmoor paper about the RAB and invited residents to come to the meetings.

Mr. Keistler related that they (USACE) place a media release in the newspaper, T.V. and radio, to the public, two (2) weeks prior to the RAB meeting.

Mr. Livermore related that he has verbally informed residents of the RAB meetings and their interest was mixed and many times they could not attend because of personal schedules.

Mr. Veazey stated that approximately three (3) years ago, the Butner-Creedmoor paper published a long article on the RAB meetings and their activities (not sure if a reporter was

present at that meeting). He stated that once a year, they could encourage a reporter to attend the meeting and give the public an update (in their own words) what is going on at the meetings.

Other suggestions for public outreach are noted as follows:

- Check with the newspaper to see if they would print an up-dated article on the RAB;
- Noted that residents may be more interested, if articles printed in the paper indicate where items are found (ex. by using a map);
- WUNC has a talk show called “The State of Things” and stated that WUNC could do an interview with a member of the RAB;
- Residents can go to the Web Site to read about the activities of the RAB;
- Noted that the elderly do not have access to the internet and would like for the elderly to be aware of the RAB and its activities;
- Noted that a one (1) time mail out (fact sheet) be sent to residents;
- Noted that we should get the information out to the media first and see what kind of response is generated;
- The mail out would involve 5 to 6 thousand people;
- Noted that the mail out could help you get ROE’s;
- Stated that a mail out (fact sheet) could lead to confusion;
- Susan and Hope to bring examples of fact sheets to the next meeting;
- Stated that more interest will be generated when the “Signs” are installed;
- Stated that the mail out should also be sent to the schools;
- Mr. Keistler stated that his office could give a press release update to the paper.

Mr. Veazey stated that this discussion would be tabled to the next meeting.

#### Discussion on Lightning Lake

It was noted that three (3) people, including Mr. Enloe, stated that there were piles of ammunition covered up by a bulldozer at Lightning Lake. Mr. Baden explained that they were also informed of this. He stated that they completed a water study and took samples of the soil and nothing was found. Mr. Baden stated that Lightning Lake was a water supply during operation of the installation and it would not have been practical for ammunition to be buried by the installation under it’s water source. (Hope noted that these 3 people are potential RAB sources and that Mr. Enloe’s name be placed on the e-mail list.)

#### **RAB MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Veazey related that Board Member Edgar Smoak has resigned his position on the Board. Mr. Smoak is Chairman of the Butner Advisory Committee, which requires a lot of his time. Mr. Smoak had asked that this Board replace his position with someone that is a Board Member of the Butner Advisory Committee so that they could keep the Advisory Committee informed of the RAB activities. (It was noted that Mr. Smoak’s name would remain on the e-mail list.)

Barry Baker motioned to approve the replacement of Mr. Smoak on the following conditions; 1) The applicant would have to apply through the “application process” and; 2) The applicant chosen would be a member of the Butner Advisory Committee who would report back to said Committee.

Mr. Keistler informed the Board that the guidelines are in the “Reference Book” for when a member vacates his position.

At this point, Mr. Veazey stated that he would write a letter to Mike Arrington and Patsy Christian informing them that their names have been removed as members of the RAB.

### **CLOSING/ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Veazey, Co-Chairman, noted the actions for discussion at the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. The items for discussion are as follows:

- Work update
- UXO Signs
- School Program Update
- Ordnance Discovery Update
- RAB Membership
- New Areas for Consideration

Upon a motion of Scott Strickland, seconded by Barry Baker and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.